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YUJI UENO, ET AL.

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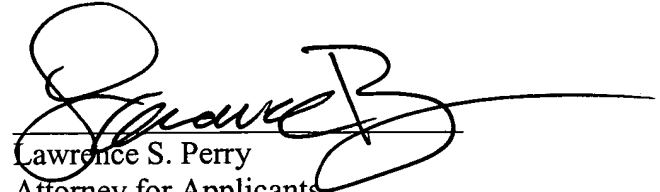
Sir:

Enclosed to complete the record and for the Examiner's convenience is Form PCT/IB/338, an English translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (Form PCT/IB/373) and the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority (Form PCT/ISA/237) in the above-identified application. The references discussed in the Written Opinion (or their patent family member equivalents) were all cited in Applicants' September 27, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

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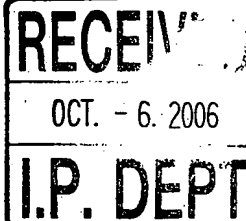
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(PCT Rules 44bis.3(c) and 72.2)

To:

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28 September 2006 (28.09.2006)

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1651**IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION**International application No.
PCT/JP2005/002088International filing date (day/month/year)
04 February 2005 (04.02.2005)

Applicant

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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 1651	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/JP2005/002088	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 04 February 2005 (04.02.2005)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 06 February 2004 (06.02.2004)
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
Applicant KYOWA HAKKO KOGYO CO., LTD.		

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 *bis*.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

International application No.

PCT/JP2005/002088

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	3, 4	YES
	Claims	1, 2, 5-7	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-7	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-7	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: WO 2000/021962 A1 (KYOWA HAKKO KOGYO CO., LTD.) 20 April 2000

Document 2: Shun'ichi NAITO, "Yakuzai no Antei-sei," 3rd edition, 1st print, Kabushiki Kaisha Hirokawa Shoten, 01 April 1976

Document 3: Mitsuo MATSUMOTO et al., "Yakuzaigaku Manual," 1st edition, Nanzando Co., Ltd., 20 March 1989

Document 4: Translated and edited by the Pharmaceutical society of Japan, "Iyaku Tenkabutsu Handbook," Maruzen Co., Ltd., 30 March 1988

<Claims 1, 2, and 5-7>

The inventions of claims 1, 2, and 5-7 do not appear to possess novelty based on document 1 cited in the ISR.

Document 1 describes a stabilization method for an aqueous solution containing a pyrazoloacridone derivative or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof characterized by, based on background technology wherein a pyrazoloacridone derivative easily undergoes oxidative decomposition in aqueous solution, adding acid to a solution that contains a pyrazoloacridone derivative represented by general formula (I) or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof, substituting air of a sealed chamber containing said solution with inert gas, and sealing said chamber, and further describes that pH of said aqueous solution is 1-7.

<Claims 3 and 4>

The inventions of claims 3 and 4 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1-4 cited in the ISR.

As described documents 2-4, the use of edetic acid or a salt thereof as an antioxidant is generally known.

Also, the selection decision of the type and amounts in combination of additives used appropriate for objectives is commonly performed by persons skilled in the art in the field of pharmaceutical products, and specifying the type of additives used in the aqueous solution described in claim 1 and confirming a stabilization results of said aqueous solution to make the inventions of claims 3 and 4 could be easily conceived of by a person skilled in the art.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

International application No.

PCT/JP2005/002088

Box No. 1 Basis of this opinion

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